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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
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H-305, United States Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding in the amount of \$1,200,000.00 for the Metal Additive Manufacturing Equipment for Research and Workforce Development project in fiscal year 2024. The funding would be used to purchase large-scale metal additive manufacturing equipment, develop curriculum to support workforce development in metal additive manufacturing, and invest in scientific research that will significantly advance large-scale metal additive manufacturing technologies.

The entity to receive this funding is Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, with offices located at 800 Drillfield Drive, Burrus Hall, Room 201R, Blacksburg, Virginia 24061.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because metal additive manufacturing, also known as 3D printing, is on the cutting edge of additive manufacturing technologies, with innovative applications that can serve important domestic and defense purposes and build resiliency in the nation's manufacturing supply chain. Virginia Tech is one of the top additive manufacturing universities in the world, positioning the University to train the needed application engineers, designers, and researchers with expertise in processes, digital design, and intelligent manufacturing.

This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in Section 272 of Title 15 of the United States Code (15 U.S.C. § 272).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely yours,

H. MORGAN GRIFFITH
Member of Congress